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ANNUAL REPORTS

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SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

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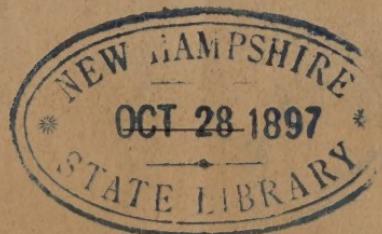
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF DUNBARTON,

FOR THE

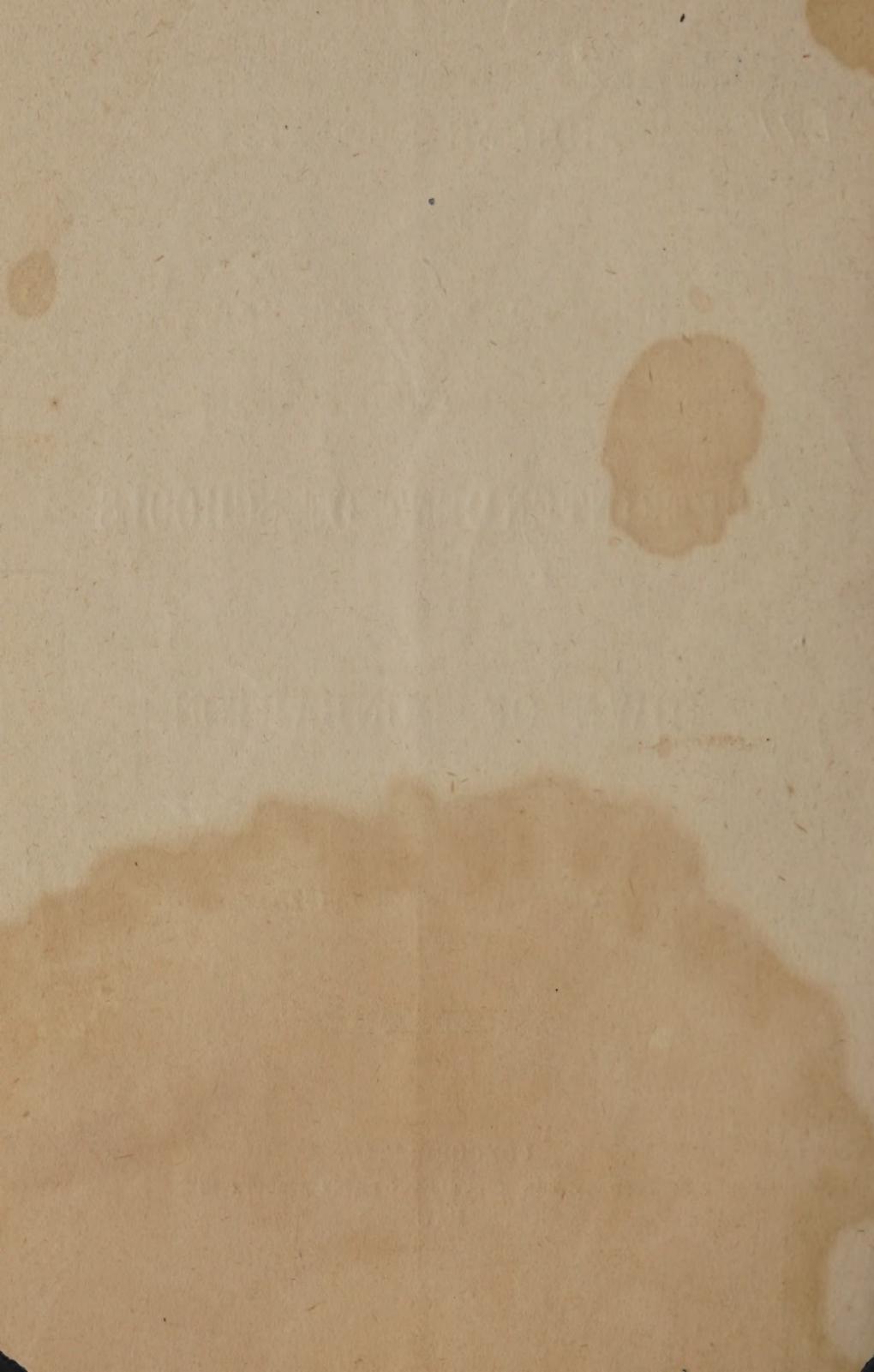
Year ending March 1, 1877.



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1877.



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1876.

OLIVER P. WILSON, Treasurer, to *Town of Dunbarton, March 1, 1876,*

DR.

March 1, 1876.

To cash in town treasury,	\$567.75
amount of town, county, state, school, school-house, and non-resident highway taxes, assessed April, 1876,	3,015.29
railroad tax received,	275.41
savings bank tax received,	1,046.70
literary money "	89.55
dog tax,	83.00
cash of D. T. Whipple on Heath place,	46.00
amount of town note, due March 1, 1876,	224.72
interest due on town note to March 1, 1877,	13.48
deposit in Manchester Savings Bank March 1, 1876,	839.80
interest due on savings bank deposit,	35.00
cash for use of town hall,	8.54
received for support of county paupers,	157.84
	\$6,403.08

March 1, 1877.

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By amount of town note, principal and interest,	\$233.20
deposit in savings bank with interest,	775.00
state tax paid,	1,260.00
county tax paid,	1,075.28

By cash paid to school districts,	\$1,224.61
amount of orders and receipts,	1,426.45
cash in town treasury, including the balance paid	
on A. P. Hammond's collection for 1876,	403.54

	\$6,403.08

March 1, 1877.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

DANIEL H. PARKER,
THOMAS W. KIMBALL, }
DAVID S. FERSON, } *Auditors.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR 1876.

Whole amount of money tax assessed, including non-resident, highway, dog, and school money, for 1876,	\$3,015.29
State tax,	1,260.00
County tax,	1,075.28
School money,	1,224.61
School-house tax in district No. 6,	164.47

SCHOOL MONEY.

School district No. 1,	\$68.66
No. 2,	188.96
No. 3,	106.99
No. 4,	171.81
No. 5,	107.54
No. 6,	144.58
No. 7,	101.17
No. 8,	101.45
No. 9,	65.19
No. 10,	75.65
No. 11,	92.58

ORDERS GIVEN BY THE SELECTMEN FOR 1876.

Peter Butterfield, treasurer,	\$12.00
William H. Stinson, town-clerk,	26.00
Harris E. Ryder, selectman,	104.50
George O. Waite, selectman,	89.00
Oliver Bailey, Jr., selectman,	88.00
William E. Spear, superintendent of schools,	50.00
Daniel H. Parker, auditor,	2.00
David Sargent, auditor,	2.00
Thomas W. Kimball, auditor,	2.00
John Y. Mugridge, town counsel on road case,	100.00
George O. Waite, for order-book and copy of town officer,	3.75
Oliver Bailey, Jr., expense of printing town reports, 1876,	30.00
David T. Heath, for time spent in settling Heath estate,	2.25
Oliver Bailey, Jr., paid J. C. Ray for case of drawers,	12.50
Oliver P. Wilson, care of town-house, etc., election 1876,	4.50
A. F. Carr, for return of births and deaths,	.75
Wm. H. Stinson, for distributing surveyors' warrants of 1876, and collecting those of 1875,	2.50
A. R. Dearborn, for medical services rendered Hammels family,	5.00
T. S. Wilson, furnishing one post and two guide-boards,	4.00
Oliver Bailey, Jr., for stationery, blanks, books, etc.,	23.52
Oliver P. Wilson, for board of selectmen,	4.00
Oliver Bailey, Jr., paid Sullivan Brothers for one stove and fixings for selectmen's room,	16.00
Oliver Bailey, Jr., paid Cross and Burnham for services in settling Heath estate,	7.66
Caleb Page's and Isaac P. Clifford's expense on fence at North cemetery,	41.13
George O. Waite paid John Nichols for damage to sleigh,	7.00
Oliver Bailey, Jr., paid for coat- and hat-hooks, door-bolts, and expense of putting up the same in town-house,	3.40
George O. Waite paid Moses Brown damage to carriage,	1.00

Oliver P. Wilson, care of town-house, furnishing wood, lamp-chimneys, oil-can, etc.,	\$6.25
A. P. Hammond paid Wm. Bean damage to wagon,	2.62
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	\$653.33

ORDERS GIVEN FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

Hayward A. Hadley, labor on highway in dist. No. 12,	\$1.00
Benn F. Marsh, " " " 4,	1.50
Samuel E. Barnard, " " " 4,	6.75
E. C. Brown, " " " 4,	4.25
Benn F. Marsh, " " " 4,	4.74
David S. Ferson, " " " 12,	3.50
Warren P. Leach, " " " 6,	2.25
Abram P. Colby, " " " 6,	5.98
Tristram Barnard, " " " 6,	8.00
George H. Hart, labor on highway, and furnishing railing,	3.00
F. C. Woodbury, labor on highway, district. No. 27,	15.75
Joseph Young, " " " 27,	1.25
James M. Rogers, " " " 7,	4.00
Isaac E. Sanborn, " " " 15,	2.43
L. N. Barnard, working non-resident highway taxes in district No. 9,	11.10
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	\$75.50

ORDERS GIVEN FOR BREAKING ROADS, WINTER OF 1876-7.

Wm. B. Burnham,	\$13.00
H. L. Merrill,	3.80
C. H. Johnson,	2.70
C. C Avery,	2.15
Avery Saunders,	6.80
George H. Hart,	2.20
S. H. Woodbury,	2.70
J. C. Mills, in T. C. Ryder's district,	23.55
D. S. Ferson,	5.00
J. M. Rogers,	3.00
J. W. Colby,	1.35
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	\$56.25

ORDERS GIVEN FOR FURNISHING WATER ON HIGHWAYS FOR
1875-6.

H. L. Burnham, 1876,	\$2.00
J. B. Ireland, 1875-6,	6.00
W. C. Stinson, 1876,	2.00
J. C. Mills, 1876,	3.00
Stephen Hammond, 1876,	1.00
D. S. Ferson, 1876,	3.00
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	\$17.00

ORDERS GIVEN FOR LUMBER FOR BRIDGES.

Samuel B. Hammond, for lumber,	\$2.00
John Paige, plank for bridge,	21.13
Benjamin Paige, plank for bridge,	9.00
William Hazeltine, labor on highway bridges,	3.00
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	\$35.13

ORDERS GIVEN FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Charles Clifford,	\$7.00
David Story, 4 sheep,	16.00
John D. Buntin,	5.50
Benjamin Paige,	4.00
Paige Twiss,	3.00
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	\$35.50

ORDERS GIVEN FOR OVER-TAX.

D. A. Butterfield, for 1875,	\$1.00
Benjamin Perley, "	.21
Edson Paige, "	2.25
Thomas Mills, "	.75
Thomas Wilson, for 1876,	1.15
Alpheus Collins, "	1.50
Elizabeth S. Brown "	10.00
T. W. Kimball, for 1875,	.75
Isaac P. Clifford, "	.75
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	\$18.35

ORDERS GIVEN FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Willis G. Abbott, for dog tax, 1875,	\$1.00
Walter G. Clough, " 1876,	1.00
William Hazeltine, " 1876,	1.00
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	\$3.00

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC TRAMPS.

George O. Waite, for boarding and lodging tramps,	\$1.00
J. A. Chamberlin, " "	2.25
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	\$3.25

EXPENSES OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Amsden Barnard, for board of Josiah Heath,	\$92.00
Laura Buzzell, a county charge,	39.00
A. F. Carr, for medical services on Laura Buzzell,	8.75
Peter Butterfield, for board of same during sickness,	24.00
Elizabeth R. Emerson, a county charge,	54.56
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Total,	\$218.31
Received from the county,	\$157.84
from Heath estate,	60.47
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	\$218.31

OUTSTANDING BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Oliver P. Wilson, treasurer,	\$20.00
William H. Stinson, town clerk,	24.00
Oliver Bailey, Jr., services as selectman,	71.00
George O. Waite, " "	42.50
Isaac E. Sanborn, " "	35.75
William E. Spear, services as superintendent of schools,	50.00
Daniel H. Parker, auditor,	2.00
Thomas W. Kimball, auditor,	2.00
David S. Ferson, auditor,	2.00
A. P. Hammond, collector,	18.00
Expense of printing town reports,	24.00
Error in tax against heirs of Benj. Huntington,	5.18
Abatements in collection of A. P. Hammond,	16.00

Amsden Barnard, damage to sheep by dogs,	\$4.00
N. J. Colby and others, labor breaking roads,	11.35
Elmus Ordway and Lyman Woodbury, labor break-	
ing roads,	3.10
Richard G. Wheeler, damage to sleigh,	6.00
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	\$316.88

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in treasury,	\$403.54
W. B. Burnham's note with interest,	238.20
Cash in savings bank, with interest,	775.00
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Total,	141874 \$1,416.74
Outstanding bills against the town,	316.88
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$1,099.86

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER BAILEY, JR., } *Selectmen*
 GEORGE O. WAITE, } *of*
 ISAAC E. SANBORN, } *Dunbarton.*

TOWN OF DUNBARTON to Oliver Bailey, Jr., for services as
Selectman, Dr.

1876.		
March 18.	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day making out appointments and delivering the same,	\$1.00
29.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day preparing inventory book,	1.00
April.	13 days taking inventory and making taxes,	26.00
15.	1 day at Concord on road business, making out and making return of in- ventory return, recording taxes,	2.00
	recording new highway boundaries and orders,	3.00
	making out collector's book and war- rant,	2.00
May 10.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on pauper business,	1.50
Aug. 10.	1 day on town business,	1.00
22.	" "	2.00
23.	1 day at Concord on pauper business,	1.00
		2.00

Sept.	7.	To $\frac{1}{2}$ day on pauper business,	\$1.00
Oct.	16.	making check-list and warrants for presidential election,	1.00
Nov.	29.	1 day on town business,	2.00
Dec.	19.	drawing jurors and revising juror box,	1.00
	22.	1 day on pauper business,	2.00
	25-26.	on road business, boarding and lodging a tramp,	4.00
			1.00
	1877.		
Jan.	22.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at T. C. Ryder's,	1.00
Feb.	5.	preparing county pauper bills,	2.00
	9.	1 day settling with the county com- missioners,	2.00
		drawing jurors,	.75
	17.	1 day making out check-list and war- rants, and posting the same,	2.00
March	1.	1 day at town treasurer's,	2.00
	5.	1 day making town reports,	2.00
	6.	1 day getting town reports printed,	2.00
	10.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day revising check-list,	1.00
	12.	drawing jurors,	.75
			\$72.00

TOWN OF DUNBARTON to George O. Waite, for services as
Selectman, DR.

	1876.		
April.		To 13 days taking inventory and making taxes,	\$26.00
Sept.	6.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on road business,	1.00
	8.	taking Josiah Heath to county farm,	2.50
Oct.	16.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making check-list and warrants for presidential election,	1.00
Nov.	29.	1 day on town business,	2.00
Dec.	25.	1 day on road business,	2.00
	1877.		
Jan.	22.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at T. C. Ryder's,	1.00
Feb.	17.	1 day making check-list and warrants,	2.00
March	1.	1 day at town treasurer's,	2.00
	5.	1 day making town reports,	2.00
	10.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day correcting check-list,	1.00
			\$42.50

TOWN OF DUNBARTON to Isaac E. Sanborn, for services as
Selectman, DR.

1876.		
April.	To 13 days taking inventory and making taxes,	\$26.00
Sept. 12.	drawing jurors,	.75
Oct. 16.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making check-list and warrants, and $\frac{1}{2}$ day spent in posting the same, boarding and lodging a tramp,	2.00 1.00
1877.		
Feb. 17.	1 day making check-list and warrants,	2.00
March 1.	1 day at town treasurer's,	2.00
5.	1 day making town reports,	2.00
10.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day correcting check-list,	1.00
		<hr/> \$36.75

TOWN OF DUNBARTON to William H. Stinson, for services as
Town-Clerk, DR.

1876.		
March.	To 1 day at spring election, notifying and qualifying town officers, assistance on enrollment, recording and making return of same,	\$2.00 2.50 1.00
May.	making return of births and deaths, four drawings of jurors, and notifying same, postage and stationery,	3.75 5.50 1.25
Nov. 7.	recording town business, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at presidential election,	7.00 1.00
		<hr/> \$24.00

SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting a report of the schools in this place during the past year, I am unable to record any remarkable changes or improvements; and I am not sorry to have no remarkable events to record. Normal growth seldom shows any astonishing appearances; it comes naturally,—“first the blade, then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear.”

But while unable to speak of anything remarkable, I can speak of a steady progress which I have observed, which indeed is a desirable thing to record. It seems that, situated as we are, our schools ought to be marked by good attention, life, and good scholarship. There are none of those influences here which so powerfully attract the attention of the young in larger places. Removed from these influences, as our country youth are, there ought to be less to disturb the routine of school life. And, indeed, is not this true? For a knowledge of the common branches of English study, it is safe to say that they are nowhere better learned than in the country schools of the land.

In my former reports I have urged the necessity of retaining teachers as much as possible. Perhaps it can be done best by taking one step before this, and retaining prudential committees more than one year. A prudential committee, if he is good for anything, would be better the second year than the first—better the third than the second; and if he is not good for anything, he had better not have the position. One may acquire knowledge in this direction as well as in any other; and here, as elsewhere, knowledge is power.

I have now been on the committee board for three years, and during that time I can recall but three instances in which a word has been said to me concerning who should be taken as a teacher in a certain district. I do not mention this because desirous of

being consulted, but simply to show that one who might reasonably be thought to know something of the workings of a certain school, and something of the capabilities of teachers, might be of some assistance in the way of suggestion or advice.

The average attendance on the schools in 1874 was about 85 per cent.; in 1875, average attendance was about 80 per cent.; in 1876, about 90 per cent.; and in 1877, about 87 per cent. The number of instances of tardiness in 1874 was 955 to 311 scholars; the number in 1875 was 950 to 318 scholars; in 1876 the number was 1086 to 277 scholars; in 1877 the number was 741 to 333 scholars,—the smallest number being in the last year; and the average number of tardiness for each scholar in town being about 2 times during the year. The number of dismissals in 1874 was 106; in 1875 the number was 140; in 1876 the number was 120; in 1877 the number was 102.

These figures, when thus massed together, tell a story of defect somewhere. Is it not possible that these sums may be cut down in the coming year? Certainly here is room for improvement. The whole number of visits by prudential committees during the year 1874 was 15; number of visits by citizens was 493. In 1875 the number of visits by prudential committees was 11; number of visits by citizens 1340. The number of visits by prudential committees in 1876 was 9; number of visits by citizens, 268. The number of visits by prudential committees in 1877 was 11; number of visits by citizens, 422.

I feel very grateful for the attention which has been given on the part of the teachers during the past year, to what I have suggested, and for the coöperation given in carrying out these suggestions. In the instruction of the younger scholars I have recommended more a course of practice than of teaching. Young children need not, I think, to be exercised so much in reasoning as in memorizing. The memory is the faculty especially to be exercised in children,—the faculty of reasoning exercising itself when there are sufficient facts for it to make comparisons with, and draw contrasts. Hence my aim has been to allow the young an opportunity more for reciting than for study. To tell a little

boy or girl to go to the seat and study his or her lesson is all very well, providing they would do it, but observation teaches that an opportunity given to repeat, and repeat again, one lesson, fixes it in the mind. In my relation with the scholars I have tried to teach them that patience and perseverance—those two homely virtues—are the ones most needed for their success in the school and in life.

In conclusion, I have to congratulate those who are most always to be found in the schools during examinations, for their presence witnesses of their interest in the great and noble cause of education.

The following is a condensed report of the individual schools;

DISTRICT NUMBER 1 (*Colby*).

Mrs. Hattie Whipple had charge of the school in this district. Mrs. Whipple has had much experience in teaching, and having exceedingly good material to work with, attention to studies, good order, and progress were very noticeable.

DISTRICT NUMBER 2 (*Meeting-house*).

The three terms in this district were taught by Miss Alice P. Cilley. Miss Cilley gave good satisfaction to all in the district. Her order was good. She required promptness, and inspired life in her scholars. All of the examinations were good. One class in arithmetic, at the last examination, deserved much credit.

DISTRICT NUMBER 3 (*Stark*).

Miss Minnie M. Jameson made her first appearance as teacher during the summer term. This school is very small; the government is quite easy. Miss Jameson gave good satisfaction to all. Mrs. M. Belle Corser taught the winter term. Mrs. Corser is an old teacher, and it was almost too bad to put so good a teacher in so small a school, but undoubtedly the people of this district might say, "they desire as good a teacher as they can have." They certainly had a good one in Mrs. Corser.

DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

Miss Lizzie J. Buntin is another new teacher, whose first ap-

pearance was in the summer term of this school. Miss Lizzie is an excellent scholar, and, with experience, will make a good teacher. Miss Annie J. Hammond taught during the winter term. Miss Hammond says, in her register, "I have had scholars who have worked hard, and who have tried to excel in all of their studies." This teacher has taught sufficiently long in town to be known as one of the "tried ones."

DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

Jessie G. Prescott had the first term here. Her teaching was accompanied with her usual success. In this district are good scholars, and work in school is one of the things they seem to enjoy. Etta C. Annis took the school during the next two terms. Under her teaching they pursued the even tenor of their way. At examination there were evidences of improvement. Good order was observed.

DISTRICT NUMBER 6.

Miss Nellie M. Stevens had this school during summer and winter. This is one of the largest schools in town, and there are to be found here some scholars who stand second to none. Miss Stevens won the respect and confidence of her scholars, and their improvement was marked.

DISTRICT NUMBER 7.

Alice M. Hammond took charge of the school here. This is a small school, of only seven scholars. Miss Hammond tried to do well, and succeeded.

DISTRICT NUMBER 8.

Abbie C. Page taught here both summer and winter. Miss Page is one of the faithful, conscientious kind, and puts her whole strength into what she is doing. The terms passed very pleasantly and profitably to all concerned.

DISTRICT NUMBER 9.

Miss Cynthia Worthley, of Goffstown, had the school in this district. Miss Worthley had excellent success in teaching. Her examination at the end of the term was creditable. Much improvement seen here.

DISTRICT NUMBER 10.

Ella M. Farrington came back to teach in her old place. While she can be had as a teacher, perhaps this district can do no better than by employing her. There is here a young class of scholars, but though young, they are good to pay attention to their books.

DISTRICT NUMBER 11.

Ella M. Lufkin taught here during both terms. The scholars were obedient and attentive; the teacher ready and awake to their wants. Miss Lufkin made an excellent impression, and gained not only the confidence of her pupils, but the respect of all. Of course her schools were successful.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of District.	Names of teachers.	Number of weeks of school.	Wages per month.	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances of dismissal.	Number not absent one half day.	Number visits of prudential committee.	Number visits by citizens.
1	Hattie Whipple	5	\$18.00	12	11	4	1	7	1	12
1	Hattie Whipple	9	20.00	17	16	10	6	7	8	8
2	Alice P. Cilley.....	10	25.00	30	26	30	6	4	1	54
2	Alice P. Cilley.....	8	25.00	38	35	45	12	7	1	31
2	Alice P. Cilley.....	12	25.00	40	35	36	21	4	2	68
3	Minnie M. Jameson.....	6	16.00	4	3 11-12	2		3	1	15
3	M. Belle Corser.....	16	16.00	6	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	17			1	14
4	Lizzie J. Buntin.....	12	16.00	10	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	55	4	2	1	23
4	Annie J. Hammond.....	12	32.00	15	12 1-6	117	3	1	1	19
5	Jessie G. Prescott.....	8	20.00	13	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	72	2	2	1	17
5	Etta C. Annis.....	6	18.00	7	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	8	1	1	12
5	Etta C. Annis.....	11	23.00	11	9 2-5	69	11	3	1	17
6	Nellie M. Stevens.....	10	22.40	19	17	8	1			8
6	Nellie M. Stevens.....	13	26.00	26	23	93				9
7	Alice M. Hammond.....	8	16.00	4	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	11	1	2		22
7	Alice M. Hammond.....	14	18.00	7	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	40	4			30
8	Abbie C. Page.....	8	20.00	14	11	23	8	1		11
8	Abbie C. Page.....	9	26.00	10	9	24	5	1		13
9	Cynthia Worthley.....	13	18.00	5	4 1-5	19	5			4
10	Ella M. Farrington.....	6	16.00	7	6 $\frac{1}{2}$			4		9
10	Ella M. Farrington.....	9	20.00	9	8	9		1	1	10
11	Ella M. Lufkin.....	8	28.00	13	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	1	4		10
11	Ella M. Lufkin.....	6	28.00	16	15	23	3	4		16

WILLIAM E. SPEAR, *Superintendent.*